



# Diversity Matters!

APRIL 2011

## Deadline for Student Employment Opportunity

For students interested in applying for the Summer Engineering Program or the Summer Technical Program, application submission is due by the close of business Friday, April 15.

The Summer Engineering Program, which tentatively runs May 16 through August 31, is for students who have completed a minimum of one year (30 semester hrs, 45 qtr. hrs credit) of college courses in engineering to four or more years in engineering.

The Summer Technical Program is for high school graduates who are 18 years or older and students who are attending or have completed four or more years of college in areas other than engineering.

For a program overview, visit [www.dot.state.il.us/techapp/internships.html](http://www.dot.state.il.us/techapp/internships.html).

For the vacancy announcement and application in your respective area, visit <http://www.dot.state.il.us/techapp/vacancy.html>

## Recruiting at a Glance...

- The Outreach and Recruitment Office has been recruiting both in-state and out-of-state Civil Engineer Trainee (CET) candidates, specifically those associated with the National Society of Black Engineers, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and Society of Women Engineers. The aggressive recruitment efforts have taken Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recruiters and engineers to seven different states in two months to attract a more diverse and qualified workforce. To date, 42 positions have been offered to the candidates with an additional 18 job offers pending.
- Recruiting efforts are already underway for Fall 2011 CET candidates at New Jersey Institute of Technology, Temple University, Morgan State University and Howard University. The outreach and recruiting team are currently in the process of gathering applications and resumes from college graduates to help diversify the applicant pool.

For more information, call 217-782-2545.

## Triton College & SIU-C Graduates Engineering Technicians

More than 35 students from the Chicagoland area, East St. Louis and Carbondale graduated in March from the Illinois Department of Transportation's innovative Engineer Technician Training Program (ETTP).

The training program provided students with a first-hand opportunity to learn the skills of the Engineer Technician position, including reading and understanding construction plans, surveying, statistical computa-

tions, and ethics.

Engineer Technicians perform job duties such as drafting highway and bridge design plans, inspecting construction projects, testing and inspecting materials, and creating traffic surveys.

The ETTP is a 10-week, 240-hour class. During the training, students also are introduced to spreadsheets, word processing, presentations, resume writing, and interviewing skills.

The program, offered by Triton

College in River Grove and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, aims to help improve diversity within the transportation industry applicant pool.

Graduates received an Illinois College Community Board sanctioned Certificate of Completion. The Illinois Department of Transportation's engineer recruitment team has encouraged each graduate to apply for the Engineering Technician positions currently available.

## High Speed Rail Information Session Announced

Union Pacific Railroad will host an informational session on April 20 about available general contractor and sub-contractor opportunities, scale of work, qualifications, schedule and timing for contractor bid submissions, for the following services:

- Paving
- Track Construction
- Fencing
- Pavement Marking
- Traffic Control
- Erosion Control/Seeding

- Grading
- Structure Replacement (Bridge and Culvert)

Illinois Department of Transportation staff will also be in attendance.

In 2011, Union Pacific and the Illinois Department of Transportation will be upgrading more than 100 miles of existing track between Chicago and St. Louis, as part of the High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program.

When: Wednesday, April 20, 4:45 p.m.

Where: Navy Pier  
600 East Grand Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60611

\*Third Floor, Festival Hall A, Room 301.

To RSVP for the event, contact Jay McAndrew at [jjmcandr@up.com](mailto:jjmcandr@up.com) or 402-544-7267 by April 14. Space is limited and is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## Spring Construction

As the 2011 construction season begins to take shape, the Illinois Department of Transportation is gearing up for another robust construction program.

In calendar year 2010, the Department awarded nearly 4,000 projects totaling \$3.89 billion. As a result, work was started on more than 2,400 miles of roadway and more than 260 bridges.

The 2011 construction season is expected to be as successful with more than \$570 million already awarded in 2011, nearly \$400 million in road construction projects anticipated for the

April 29 letting and approximately \$500 million in road construction projects anticipated for the June 2011 letting.

The Department continues to pave the road to economic recovery with the April announcement of its robust multi-year road program. The FY 2012-2017 Proposed Highway Improvement Program is expected to provide more than 3,240 miles of roadway improvement and replace or rehabilitate more than 600 bridges. The entire multi-year plan is expected to create or support 155,000 direct jobs through 2017.

Major projects planned for the 2011 construction season include:

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- I-55 from County Line Road to Kedzie Avenue in Cook County
- IL Route 56 west of IL 59 to east of Naperville Road in DuPage County
- IL Route 2 from Elmwood Road to Latham Road north of Rockford
- I-57/I-70 Reconstruction from the south Tri-Levels to Fayette Avenue in Effingham
- I-57/I-64 Six Lane reconstruction project in Mount Vernon

For more details about the April 29, 2011 letting, visit <http://www.dot.il.gov/desenv/042911/042911noticeletting.html>

## Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
4/14/11	<i>Estimating &amp; Bidding, Bituminous Work</i> DBE Supportive Services workshops	D-1 DBE Resource Center 900 S. Des Plaines, Chicago	Pete Stresino 630-529-8000
4/14/11	<i>How to Effectively Market Your Company</i> DBE Supportive Services workshops	D-2 EIGERlab 625 Fulton Ave., Rockford	Theo Joyner 312-419-7260
4/20/11	<i>DBE Roundtable Discussion / Things You Need to Know</i> DBE Supportive Services workshops	D-3 IDOT Office Starved Rock Conference Room	Theo Joyner 312-419-7260
4/20/11	<i>Getting Paid and Extra Work Bills</i> DBE Supportive Services workshops	D-8 Resource Center 10 Collinsville Ave., East St. Louis	Dave Clark 217-348-1900
4/21/11	<i>Joint Ventures / Subcontract Agreements</i> DBE Supportive Services workshops	D-1 DBE Resource Center 900 S. Des Plaines, Chicago	Theo Joyner 312-419-7260
5/4/11	<i>IDOT Prequalification Workshop</i> hosted by the Chicago Urban League	D-1 Chicago Urban League Office 4510 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago	Slena Sizemore ssizemore@thechicago urbanleague.org
5/5/11	<i>Estimating &amp; Bidding, Trucking</i> DBE Supportive Services workshops	D-1 DBE Resource Center 900 S. Des Plaines, Chicago	Pete Stresino 630-529-8000
5/18/11	<i>Bonding / Financing</i> DBE Supportive Services workshops	D-3 Kankakee Community College	Theo Joyner 312-419-7260
5/19/11	<i>E-Verify / Certified Payroll / Delinquent Debt</i> DBE Supportive Services workshops	D-2 EIGERlab 625 Fulton Ave., Rockford	Pete Stresino 630-529-8000
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## Current Procurement Opportunities

Reference Number:	22020868	The objective of this Request for Information (RFI) is to ascertain the availability of commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) software solutions to replace our Maintenance Management Information (MMI) System. This system collects information necessary for the planning and execution of highway maintenance/construction activities, equipment maintenance and fleet management, inventory management, labor management, financial accounting, and reporting. The Department understands that a comprehensive solution may not be possible as a final solution and individual vendors are encouraged to form a consortium or respond with solutions that partially satisfy our requirements.
Request ID:	11-61019	
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Agency:	DOT - Transportation	
Title:	MMI RFI (Maintenance Management Information System)	
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**Questions / Comments:**  
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